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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: US- JAPAN EXCHANGES AND PRIMIN TANAKA' S VISIT

SUMMARY: GAIMUSHO SEEKING HIGH- LEVEL GOJ APPROVAL FOR FIVE MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FOR CHAIRS IN JAPANESE STUDIES AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES, TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING PRIME MINISTER' S VISIT.

EMBASSY PROPOSES PARALLEL USG GRANT FOR AMERICAN STUDIES AT JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES, TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT' S REACTION, PREFERABLY BEFORE JUNE FIRST. END SUMMARY.

1. PAO CALLED ON KAGAWA (DIRGEN, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, GAIMUSHO)

MAY 15 FOR PRELIMINARY EXPLORATION POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL/ CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF PRESIDENT' S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE. PAO MENTIONED SEVERAL THEORETICAL POSSIBILITIES ON U. S. SIDE, INCLUDING FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL ONE- TIME GRANT TO SUPPORT AMERICAN STUDIES AT JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES. FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD BE DRAWN IN YEN FROM U. S. TREASURY YEN ACCOUNT DERIVED FROM INITIAL GARIOA PAYMENT.

2. KAGAWA REVEALED THAT HE HAD HAD SIMILAR IDEA, STIMULATED IN PART BY WILLY BRANDT DONATION. AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AT WORKING LEVELS GAIMUSHO AND APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE
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BY FORMIN OHIRA THAT GOJ WOULD OFFER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AS SPECIAL ONE- TIME GRANT TO SUPPORT JAPANESE STUDIES AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. ACTUAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS WOULD BE DETERMINED BY AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO JAPAN FOUNDATION, WHICH COMPOSED OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS FROM ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS WORLDS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST IN JAPANESE AFFAIRS WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AS MEMBER. GAIMUSHO THINKING IN TERMS OF ENDOWING CHAIRS AT FIVE UNIVERSITIES AT ONE MILLION DOLLARS EACH, WITH REASONABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST COASTS AND CENTRAL USA.

3. THIS PROPOSAL NOT YET APPROVED FINALLY BY FONMIN, FINANCE MINISTRY, AND PRIMIN. PROJECT WAS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED OF AS UNILATERAL GESTURE, BUT KAGAWA STRESSED THAT INDICATION OF A U. S. INTENTION TO OFFER A COMPARABLE SUM FOR AMERICAN STUDIES PARALLEL TO JAPANESE GRANT WOULD CERTAINLY STRENGTHEN POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTANCE THIS PROJECT AT HIGHEST LEVELS GOJ.

4. I RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT THE DEPARTMENT GIVE EARLY AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSAL THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCE THAT EACH SIDE WOULD SUBMIT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES AN APPROPRIATION FOR FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. THE JAPANESE GRANT WOULD BE USED TO SUPPORT JAPANESE STUDIES IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES ALONG LINES DESCRIBED BY KAGAWA. THE U. S. GRANT (IN YEN FROM GARIOA ACCOUNT) WOULD BE USED TO SUPPORT AMERICAN STUDIES IN JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES. THIS WOULD BE ADDITIVE TO ONGOING EDUCATIONAL/ CULTURAL PROGRAMS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, JAPAN FOUNDATION, ETC.

5. COMMUNIQUE COULD SET BACKGROUND FOR THIS BY STRESSING THAT GAPS OF UNDERSTANDING REMAIN BETWEEN U. S. AND JAPAN DESPITE GROWING VOLUME AND INTENSITY OF COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE PACIFIC. ONE OF BEST WAYS TO REDUCE THIS PROBLEM IS TO PROMOTE DEEPER, BETTER- INFORMED, MORE SOPHISTICATED KNOWLEDGE IN EACH COUNTRY ABOUT THE HISTORY, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE OF THE OTHER. THESE PARALLEL GRANTS AIMED AT ACCELERATING THE GROWTH OF SUCH KNOWLEDGE IN EACH COUNTRY. (KAGAWA INDICATED
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THAT HE HAD USED SIMILAR ARGUMENTS, INDEPENDENTLY ARRIVED AT, IN PROMOTING HIS PROJECT WITHIN HIS GOVERNMENT). SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR THIS PORTION COMMUNIQUE WILL FOLLOW IF WASHINGTON AGREES TO PROPOSAL.

6. LEGAL AND FINANCIAL STRUCTURE JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES, ESPECIALLY NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY

BE FOCUS OF OUR INTEREST, DIFFER IN KEY RESPECTS FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES SOME CAMPUSES COULD MAKE DIRECT RECEIPT U. S. GRANT AWKWARD. CONSEQUENTLY, ENDOWMENT OF CHAIRS MIGHT NOT BE ONLY OR BEST MEANS ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE IN JAPAN. RESEARCH INSTITUTES, LIBRARY MATERIALS, OR OTHER APPROACHES MAY BE MORE SUITABLE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, PAO AND KAGAWA AGREED THAT BEST MEANS MIGHT BE TO ASK GOJ TO FORM COMMITTEE OF DISTINGUISHED JAPANESE EDUCATORS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS ON USA, PARALLEL TO AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO JAPAN FOUNDATION WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AS MEMBER.

7. WHATEVER MECHANISM WERE EMPLOYED, PURPOSE WOULD NOT BE TO SET UP A NEW FOUNDATION OR OTHER NEW INSTITUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE AN INDEFINITE LIFE, DISBURSING RELATIVELY SMALL SUMS YEAR BY YEAR. ENTIRE PROGRAM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND DISBURSEMENTS MADE WITHIN YEAR OR TWO OF APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. KAGAWA STRESSED THIS POINT, AND PAO AGREED.

8. I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ENCOURAGE THIS VERY GENEROUS AND USEFUL GESTURE WHICH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS CONTEMPLATING, AND I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD OFFER A PARALLEL SUM FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED ABOVE. AS AN ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE, THIS WOULD, AT ONE STROKE, DRAW DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY THE GARIOA YEN FUNDS WHICH HAVE OBSTRUCTED FOR SO LONG THE SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF GOJ COOPERATION IN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. A SUBSTANTIAL SUM, WELL OVER TEN MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF YEN, WILL REMAIN IN THE GARIOA YEN ACCOUNT, BUT WE WILL HAVE

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SHOWN TO GOJ A WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE THE TOTAL.

9. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD MAKE A SOLID CONTRIBUTION TOWARD STRENGTHENING IN BOTH COUNTRIES THE CAPACITIES TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER MORE ADEQUATELY. AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOULD PROVIDE THE PRESIDENT WITH ANOTHER WAY OF MAKING THE POINT THAT JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES DO INDEED STAND ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

10. KAGAWA, WHO IS TO BE MADE AMBASSADOR SOON, WILL BE LEAVING HIS PRESENT JOB JUNE FIRST. EARLY INDICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. HIS ASSISTANT, NISHIMIYA, FULLY INFORMED AND TAKES

POSITIVE VIEW, BUT IT WOULD BE IERY HELPFUL TO WORK
OUT DETAILS WHILE KAGAWA STILL ON HAND.
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